



# Our commitments, collaboration and key achievements



## Dear FEND member

It is gratifying that we have been successful in ensuring that we have three issues of EDN this year. This represents the commitment of our Editor Sarah Hills and her editorial board. The journal has now been listed on the CINAHL index. This is a fantastic achievement for so new a journal and will help attract a more diverse readership. This will also encourage more researchers to submit their papers for consideration for publication in EDN.

Although it is Spring the conference planning is in an advanced state of preparation, and significantly, the numbers already registered are equal to this time last year. A new website facility for online registration and payment is now established and this will make life somewhat easier for Sari Rodriguez, our conference registrar. Online payment for membership fees will also become available soon. So FEND is certainly taking advantage of technological developments.

I am very pleased to inform you that recordings of conference keynote addresses will be available on our website after the conference which extends the access and circulation to members and others who are unable to attend in person. We wish to thank Bayer Diagnostics for making this facility available.

I am pleased to inform you that sanofi-aventis and Novo Nordisk will hold Symposia before and after the FEND conference on the evening of 13 September and the evening of 15 September. Details of these symposia will be included in the registration information packs and at the conference. All participants are cordially invited to attend.

The Uppsala Diabetes Nursing Research Network – Professor Karin Wikblad and her team – are planning a research network meeting on Thursday 12 September and FEND is pleased to make this facility available to the research group. Professor Wikblad will make the details of this event available to her group. I positively encourage the network group to support Professor Wikblad and her team, as it is very important that this research network grows from strength to strength.

## FEND Executive elections

Deirdre Cregan, FEND membership secretary, will by now have circulated the membership regarding requests for nominations. It is important that you

read the guidelines carefully regarding nomination and that nominations should reach Deirdre by the closing date.

## Portuguese EU Presidency

FEND, together with IDFE and PCDE, have secured the highlighting of diabetes in the Portuguese EU Presidency. The specific theme regarding diabetes is: 'Diabetes and Migration'. Two half-day workshops will be held on 12–13 July in Lisbon addressing this highly pertinent issue. The participants are selected and invited by the Portuguese government. It is gratifying that a number of FEND members will be invited to participate.

## FEND ENDCUP

The number of applications for the scheduled course in 2007 was disappointingly low. With great reluctance, and in consultation with the university, the FEND Executive committee had to make the decision to cancel the course because the numbers would not have made the course viable from an educational and professional development perspective. At the request of a number of national diabetes nursing organisations in Europe, FEND has been invited, in partnership with these organisations, to deliver the FEND ENDCUP course in specific countries. The course would then be delivered in the language of each country, thus ensuring that the course becomes more easily accessible and reaches a greater number of potential participants. One of the key barriers to running the ENDCUP course as we have done in the past was the necessity to be fluent in English. We look forward to working with our colleagues in Hungary, Poland and Romania. In due course the FEND Executive will review the possibility of the conventional FEND ENDCUP course being available at a future date.

## World Diabetes Day

The UN World Diabetes Day (WDD), 14 November 2007, is fast approaching. The achievement of the UN Resolution on diabetes is an extraordinary step and recognises the epidemic of diabetes as a major global health threat. Simply securing the Resolution is not enough, hence IDF and its coalition partnerships under the leadership of IDF President-Elect, Professor Jean Claude Mbanya, will establish an implementation



strategy in order to ensure that over the coming years all governments will actively engage in establishing the necessary healthcare systems embracing the principles of the UN Resolution. FEND is a member of this campaign.

There is much to do in Europe and FEND through its members, and their national diabetes organisations will lobby and contribute to ensuring that the UN Resolution is implemented. It will be necessary to co-operate and collaborate with key diabetes organisations in your own countries. There is much strength in collaboration, and if your national organisations are not yet engaged with other organisations in your country, please take the lead. Otherwise there is a great danger that the influence of our profession may not be felt, and this would be greatly to the disadvantage of people with diabetes.

IDF global is anxious to hear from all organisations about what specific plans are in place to recognise WDD. Please contact Alain Baute or Phil Riley at IDF [www.idf.org](http://www.idf.org). View the Unite for Diabetes campaign

at [www.unitefordiabetes.org](http://www.unitefordiabetes.org) and wear the blue circle emblem with pride.

### Changes in FEND Executive

This is my last letter as Chairman of FEND. I wish to thank you all for your support of FEND and its development. I take up my responsibilities as FEND President on 28 April and be assured that I will work wholeheartedly in this new capacity. Deirdre Kyne-Grzebalski will take on the role of FEND Chairman and I know that you will give her all the support that she unreservedly deserves. Vivien Aldridge takes on the position of FEND Treasurer, previously held by Deirdre Kyne-Grzebalski.

I wish you all a very happy summer and look forward to meeting you at the FEND conference in Amsterdam.

**Anne-Marie Felton**  
FEND Chairman

## Membership of FEND

Membership is open to *all* nurses throughout Europe working in diabetes. All members of FEND will automatically receive, free of charge, a copy of the official journal of FEND – *European Diabetes Nursing*

### Membership fees:

1 year: 45 Euros  
3 years: 110 Euros

If you would like to join FEND, a membership application form can be downloaded from the website at [www.fend.org](http://www.fend.org) and click on Membership, or contact the Membership Secretary Deirdre Cregan. Completed forms and payment should be sent to the Membership Secretary:

### Deirdre Cregan

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## Call for Papers

### *European Diabetes Nursing*

The Editor welcomes contributions to the journal of all types, whether original research, reviews, case reports, conference reports, conference notices, or comments etc.

If you would like to contribute to the journal please contact the Editorial Office at the address below for further information and a copy of the Guidelines for Authors.

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